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Berman, et al.

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OPTIMIZING THE ELECTROSTATIC REMOVAL OF A WORKPIECE FROM

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## AMENUMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 18, 2003

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003 to further highlight reasons why the captioned application is in condition for allowance. Please amend the case as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.